[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*d*) Establishment (One foreman on Rs. 35-3/2-50) (One clerk on Rs. 20-2/3-30)	Rs. 900
Contingencies	Rs. 2,468-18-5
Total	Rs. 3,368-18-5.

(*e*) The looms are worked according to requirements. But they are not all worked simultaneously throughout the year as it is not found necessary for the purpose of teaching and demonstration.

	Rs.	*ch.*	*c.*
(*f*) Cost of timber	668	27	10
Labour charges	316	26	9
Total	985	26	3

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*) may I know how many students are at present trained in the institute?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know how many looms are at present working daily in the institute?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There are only 2 weavers who are piece-workers to work these looms. These looms are not worked as a matter of course every day. They are worked according to necessity. The only hands available for working the looms are the two piece-workers.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether at any time, more than 2 looms could be worked in the institute?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): At a time only 2 looms can be worked in the Institute?

Irrigation works under Section 11 (a) of the Irrigation Regulation.

102. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of irrigation works carried out under the orders of the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, during the last two years (1101-1102) in the taluks of Trivandrum and Neduvangad in pursuance of Section 11 (*a*) of the Irrigation Regulation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No such works were carried out.

Appointment of Members of Depressed Classes in the Public Service.

103. **MR. K. MADHAVAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of issuing orders to the Heads of Departments to give preferential treatment to the members of the depressed classes in the matter of appointments to the public service?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have already issued instructions to give due representation to members of communities who are backward in education, consistent with qualification, efficiency, etc. It is not feasible to issue orders on the lines indicated by the member.

Opening of Zoology Branch in the Science College.

104. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Principal of the Science College has submitted a scheme for opening the Zoology course in that College, and, if so, the nature of the action they have taken on it ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is reported that the Principal of the College of Science submitted to the Director of Public Instruction proposals for opening the Zoology course. They were referred back to the Principal by the Director for further consideration; but no recommendation has since been received.

MR. MURUVELIL PATCHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): പ്രിൻസിപ്പാളിന്റെ റക്കമന്റേഷൻ തിരിച്ചയച്ചിട്ട് എത്രനാളായി?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was referred back in March 1926.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): അതിൽപിന്നീട് ഈ തിനെസംബന്ധിച്ച വല്ല റിമയിൻഡറും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information about it. That is a matter to be attended to in the Director's Office.

The Shertallai-Alleppey Road.

105. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the length of the Shertallai-Alleppey road within the limits of the Alleppey P. W. D. Sub-Division; and

(*b*) the amount sanctioned by the Government during the current year (1103) for increasing the width of this road and the amount expended out of the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 19 miles.

(*b*) The Government have sanctioned an amount of Rs. 47,160 for re-coating the road with 3 inches of gravel, and not for increasing the width. The amount spent up to the end of Edavam 1103 is Rs. 27,733 and the amount likely to be spent during the year is Rs. 37,500.

The Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme.

106. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the firms or individuals that submitted tenders for the supply of machinery and generating plant for the Trivandrum Electric Supply Scheme;

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